

The 156 year old church which originally stood on Winston Churchill Boulevard and the South Service road on the Queen Elizabeth Way in Oakville has finally found a new purpose for existence.

Now serving as the Women's Institute Hall, the old church is proudly taking its place in the crossroads community in another form.

The Ontario Agricultural Museum located on a 92 acre site near Milton in Halton Region is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The main Exhibit Hall, completed in 1975, was the first phase of a 10 year project. Since that time, various farmsteads, barns, and display areas have been constructed.

Mr. R. W. Carbert, General Manager says, the Crossroads Community will be an integral part of the Farmstead Park. It will not be a "pioneer village" but rather will focus on the services of particular import to the farm community: the blacksmith's shop, sawmill, shingle mill, cider mill and apple butter plant, general store, school and church, as well as a historic building devoted to the Women's Institute.

The WI Hall has been painted outside, landscaped, and there are a couple of picnic tables just outside for the use of the public.

Inside, the display areas give some background into WI work, a kitchen is available to make a cup of tea

(bring your own and clean up after) and lunch prepared; also if time permits hold a WI meeting (no longer than 1 hour).

During the official opening of the Agricultural Museum in June, the WI members were demonstrating some pioneer crafts, while others were promoting the work of the Women's Institute by acting as guides.



Provincial President, Mrs. Clarence Diamond and Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Fred Howe take their turn for a few hours of work in the Women's Institute Hall during the museum's official opening.



WI members are quilting, while visitors look at the various displays.

WI's On The Go

DUNGANNON WI, HURON WEST DISTRICT sponsor 4H Homemaking Clubs, two or three each unit depending on the numbers available. The WI program involved the 4H club girls who had a good display of hats and handbags and one of the 4H'ers gave the history of hats. Another told about her trip to Wisconsin, while the Dairy Princess showed a film on Milk the Magnificent. The branch give gifts to those achieving Provincial or Advanced Honours.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN WI, DUNDAS DISTRICT, have sponsored a child as their special project for the International Year of the Child. The Branch has just been notified that "their little girl" attends the Nuffield School for the deaf and blind. She lives in a place called Kaithady in northern Sri Lanka. Little nine year old Santhanachewy Vinayagamoorthy comes from a family of four is in Grade two and because she is deaf uses lip-reading to help her in her studies at school.